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**Resolution from EAPN UK concerning article 5 of the EAPN statutes.**

The decisions following the Brexit do not mean the cessation of the relationship between EAPN and its UK member. Therefore we propose to add the following to article 5 of the EAPN statutes (in red in the text)

 **“Article 5 of the EAPN statutes**

Full members are persons or entities legally constituted pursuant to the laws and customs of their country of origin, which were approved by the General Assembly as either a) a representative EAPN network in a **Member State of the EU** **or a country applying for membership of the EU,**  **a country of the European Free Trade Area**, also known as a “National Network”.

National Networks representing countries who cease to be EU Member States or to seek such membership, may continue to be full members, unless the General Assembly deems otherwise;

or b) a European organisation concerned with the fight against poverty and social exclusion having members and carrying out activities in at least a fixed number of Member states of the EU, the number of which will be determined in the standing orders.

Associate membership may be granted to persons or entities legally constituted pursuant to the laws and customs of their country of origin, which were approved by the General Assembly as a representative EAPN network in a European country which is neither a member nor applying for membership of the EU. Associate members shall not have voting rights.”